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100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

**Testimony in support of LD 263 Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare**

Dear Senator Ingwerson, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Jon McGovern, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I am in support of LD 263 to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare.

I am in support of LD# 263 because transportation is hard and non-medical transportation is hard. Many people have a difficult time getting to places especially if there is no public transportation.

This would allow people to be part of their community where other people go. This would allow people to make decisions about what they want to do with their lives. Giving people the opportunity to try this and seeing how it works is important.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 263.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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